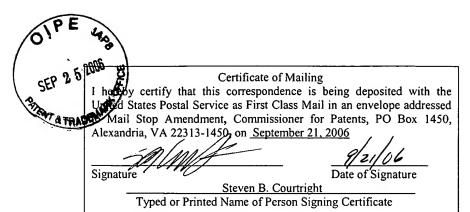
PTO/SB/21 (05

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. **Application Number** 10/588.463 RANSMITTAL August 23, 2006 Filing Date **FORM** First Named Inventor Stefan Stadelman Art Unit correspondence after initial filing) **Examiner Name** Attorney Docket Number 5297/269 ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to TC ☐ Drawing(s) Fee Transmittal Form Fee Attached Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers of Appeals and Interferences Amendment/Reply Petition Appeal Communication to TC After Final Petition to Convert to a (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) **Provisional Application** Affidavits/declaration(s) Proprietary Information Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request Status Letter Request for Refund **Express Abandonment Request** Postcard Receipt CD, Number of CD(s) \_ Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify Form PTO-1449; 4 References Landscape Table on CD below): Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be Incomplete Application required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0930. Reply to Missing Parts A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 **CALCULATION OF FEE** Small Entity Large Entity Highest No. Previously or Add'i Claims After Present Add'I Amendment Rate x \$25= x \$50= Total Minus (20)0 x \$100= 0 x \$200= Minus 0 Indep. (3) + \$360= First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim +\$180= total add'I fee total add'i fee \$0 \$ 0 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm or Michael H. Baniak, Reg. No. 30,608 Individual name Attorney for Applicant Steven B. Courtright, Reg. No. 40,966 Agent for Applicant BANIAK, PINE, AND GANNON 150 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1200 Chicago, Illinoîs 60606 Signature Date September 21, 2006 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment; Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature September 21, 2006 Date: Michael H. Baniak/Steven B. Courtright



**PATENT** Case No. 5297/269

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stefan Stadelman; Urs Vogelin

Serial No. 10/588,463

Examiner:

Filed: August 23, 2006

Group Art Unit:

Title: VALVE, IN PARTICULAR FOR A

**BREAST SHIELD SET** 

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. The documents listed are enclosed These documents were cited in the corresponding International Search Report (PCT/CH2006/000070) mailed April 25, 2006.

EP 1099455A2 was published in English as US 6,390,130; and DE 19747842 A1 was published in English as US 6,110,141; and WO 03/092768 A2 was published in English as US 2003/204164 and 2004/249340. Applicant requests that these documents be reviewed, considered and made of record.

September 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

BANIAK PINE & GANNON 150 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1200 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 673-0360

Michael H. Baniak, Reg. No. 30,608 Steven B. Courtright, Reg. No. 40,966

Attorneys/Agent for Applicants

FORM PTO-1449	Application Number: 10/588,463		
O P E INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Filing Date: August 23, 2006		
O' STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor:	Stefan Stadelman	
Sheet 1 of 1	Group Art Unit:		
SEP 2 5 2006 B Sheet 1 of 1	Examiner Name:		
And the second s	Attorney Docket Number:	5297/269	

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**GYRAUS** 

Examiner Initials	Cite No. 1	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (if known)</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	A1	US-5,025,829	06/25/1991	Edwards et al	
		US-			
3.1		US-			
		US-			

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
	A2	EP 1 099 455 A2	05/16/2001	Industrie Borla SpA		
	A3	DE 197 47 842 A1	05/06/1999	Nuesch Logistik		
	A4	WO 03/092 768 A2	11/13/2003	The First Years, Inc.		

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	 DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents**, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.